

**Amendments to the Specification**

**Please replace the title of the invention with the following replacement title:**

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**BACKUP TELEPHONE SERVICE FOR A MULTIPLE ACCESS  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM**

**Please replace paragraph 106 on page 32 of the specification with the  
following replacement paragraph:**

A<sup>2</sup> [106] 39. VideoPhone Mail Machine (Serial Number 09/218,171) ~~-(Attorney Docket  
No. 3493.73170);~~

[ Please replace paragraph 107 on page 32 of the specification with the  
following replacement paragraph:

[107] 40. Restaurant Ordering Via VideoPhone (Serial Number 60/070,121)  
~~(Attorney Docket No. 3493.73171) ;~~

[ Please replace paragraph 108 on page 32 of the specification with the  
following replacement paragraph:

[108] 41. Ticket Ordering Via VideoPhone (Serial Number 60/070,103) ~~-(Attorney  
Docket No. 3493.73712) ;~~

**Please delete the previous Abstract and replace it with the new Abstract on  
the following page:**

### Abstract of the Disclosure

A backup telephone service for a subscriber having a multiple access connectivity with customer premises equipment is disclosed. A primary digital telephone connection via a subscriber server transmits voice, data and/or signaling information through a subscriber link to various subscriber devices. The backup telephone service maintains communication through the subscriber link in the even of any malfunction, power outage or equipment failure in the subscriber server or related circuitry or components. In certain embodiments an analog telephone establishes independent communication with a central office by triggering switches to re-route a subscriber link. In other embodiments a selected frequency band remains available for establishing independent communication between the analog telephone and the central office.